HOUSE . . . . . . No. 1044

By Ms. St. Fleur of Boston, petition of Marie P. St. Fleur and others for legislation to increase to eighteen years the mandatory age for students attending schools in Commonwealth. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## PETITION OF:

Marie P. St. Fleur Karen E. Spilka
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE MANDATORY SCHOOL AGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1B of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as
- 2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 3 striking out the 20th paragraph, lines 99-102 inclusive, and
- 4 inserting in place thereof the following:— The board shall estab-
- 5 lish the permissible and mandatory ages for school attendance;
- 6 provided, that such mandatory maximum age shall be the age of
- 7 18, or until graduation from high school or attainment of the
- 8 equivalent thereof, whichever occurs first.
- 1 SECTION 2. Chapter 741 of the Acts of 1965 is hereby 2 repealed.